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ABSTRACT

This library handbook was designed to aid the student in political science. It lists reference materials basic to general research and gives their location in the Fogler Library at the University of Maine. Materials are listed in seven categories: (1) guides to the literature; (2) dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks; (3) biographical directories; (4) abstracts and indexes; (5) statistics; (6) yearbooks; and (7) bibliographies. (Author/AWP)

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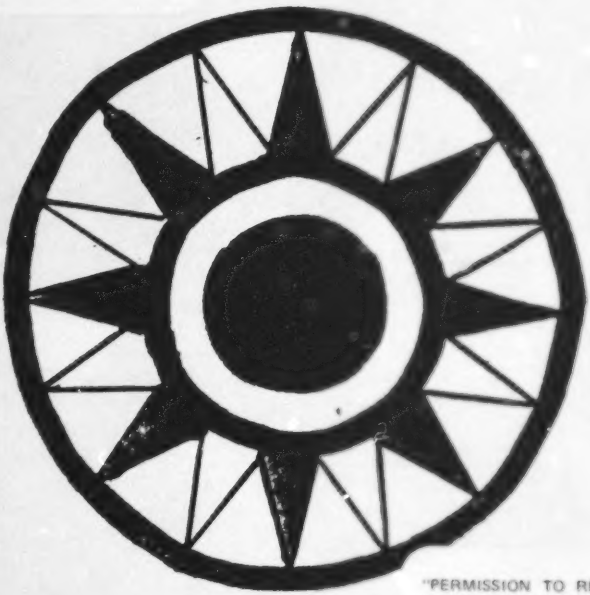

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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J	Official Documents
JA	General Works
JC	Political Theory
JF	Constitutional History, and Administration
JK	United States Confederate States
JL	British America, Latin America, etc.
JN	Europe
JQ	Asia, Africa, Australia, etc.
JS	Local Government
JV	Colonies and Colonization, Emigration and Immigration
JX	International Law

DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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321	Types and Forms of States
322	Relation of State to Organized Groups
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GENERAL INFORMATION

This library guide is an informal handbook for the Political Science student. It lists some of the more useful materials and reference works basic to general research and gives their location in the Fogler Library.

THE CARD CATALOG

A note on using the card catalog:

To simplify use of the card catalog when looking for a particular subject use:

Library of Congress. Subject Headings.

Lists correct subject headings and gives alternatives or related headings. Extremely valuable tool. Eliminates searching in too broad or dead-end areas. (Located at the Card Catalog or Reference Desks)

GUIDES TO THE LITERATURE

Ref
Z
7161
L 3

Brock, Clifton. Literature of political science; a guide for students, librarians and teachers. Bowker, 1969.
A very good guide to English language reference sources; not a bad place to start.

Ref
Z
7161
H64

Holler, Frederick L. Information sources of political science. ABC-Clio, 1975. 5vols.
Good introductory and research tool in a broad range of subject areas.

Ref
Z
7165
U5
V67

Vose, Clement E. A guide to library sources in political science: American government. Am. Pol. Sci. Assn., 1975.
In addition to American government, a section treats political science research in general. No index.

Ref
Z
7161
W49
1973
Desk

White, Carl M. Sources of information in the social sciences. ALA, 1973.
Comprehensive; chapter on political science has topical bibliographic essay, followed by reference works, annotated. Author and title indexes.

DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, HANDBOOKS

Ref
H
40
A215

International encyclopedia of the social sciences. Macmillan, 1968.
Biographies, cross-references, bibliographies. Takes a theoretical approach

Ref
JK
9
C6

Cyclopedia of American government. D. Appleton, 1914. 3vols.
Still occasionally useful. Each signed article has a brief bibliography, cross-references and index. Good for biography.

Ref
JA
61
H4

Heimanson, Rudolph. Dictionary of political science and law. Oceana, 1967.
Many definitions have citations to statutes and decisions.

Ref
JX
1226
P55

Plano, Jack C. and Roy Olton. The international relations dictionary. Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1969.
Subject grouping; cross references; alphabetical index.

Ref
JK
9
52

Safire, William. New language of politics; an anecdotal dictionary of catchwords, slogans and political usage. Random House, 1968.
Lively, up-to-date; entertaining as well as useful.

Ref
JA
61
R62
1971b

Roberts, Geoffrey K. A dictionary of political analysis. St. Martin's, 1971.
400 key concepts, processes, institutions and ideologies. Some suggestions for further reading; numerous cross-references.

Ref
JK
9
S65

Sperber, Hans and Travis Trittschuh. American political terms: an historical dictionary. Wayne State Univ. Pr., 1962.
Each term defined and traced historically. Includes bibliography of sources consulted.

Ref
JN
231
B82

Butler, David E. and Jennie Freeman. British political facts, 1900-1975. St. Martin's, 1975.
Wide range of material. Especially useful for chronological lists of officials and party leaders - well documented. Brief index.

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORIES

Ref
Z
5305
U5
B56

Biographical dictionaries master index: a guide to more than 725,000 listings in over 50 current Who's Who and other works of collective biography. Gale, 1975.

Ref
E
176
W6424

Who's who in American politics, 1975-76. Bowker, 1975.
"Current" source, especially for state and local officials. Geographical index.

Ref
Doc
Y4.P9
3/1:1
Desk

Congressional directory.(annual) Govt. Printing Office.
Very useful for brief biographies of legislators, personnel in executive agencies, court justices, U.S. and foreign diplomats; has maps of congressional districts. Detailed table of contents and index of individuals.

Ref
Doc
Serial
12938
Desk

Biographical directory of the American Congress, 1774-1971.
Brief biographies of all members of congress, including the Continental Congress.

Ref
CT
120
C8

Current world leaders. Almanac, Biography and news.
Up-to-date listing of cabinet level and above officials of world states and int. organizations; monthly issues contain late political news and biographical sketches.

Ref
PE
1625
C43

New century cyclopedia of names. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1954. 3vols.
Includes more than 100,000 proper names, places, historical events, etc. Numerous appendixes.

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORIES (Cont'd.)

Ref
E
176
D56

Dictionary of American biography. Scribners, 1928.
Noteworthy persons of all periods who lived in the U.S. with articles and bibliographies. Coverage to 1945 with supplements.

Ref
DA
28
D4

Dictionary of national biography. Oxford Univ. Pr.
Scholarly articles on both major and minor Britons from the beginning to 1960. Good bibliographies.

ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES

An index supplies bibliographic citations to articles, books, papers, etc.

An abstract supplies all of the above information plus a summary.

Per-R

International bibliography of the social sciences - political science 1960+
Formerly International bibliography of political science. v.1, 1953-59.

Per-R

International political science abstracts v.1 - 1951-

Per-R

Public affairs information service (PAIS) 1917+

Per-R

Social sciences index 1907+
(Formerly Social sciences and humanities index)

Per-R

Sage public administration abstracts 1974+
Each quarterly issue contains abstracts of recent books, journal articles, pamphlets, and government documents. Author and subject indexes.

ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES (Cont'd.)

Per-R New York Times Index 1851+

Per-R The Times Index (London) 1906-
Palmer's index to the Times newspaper, 1790 - June 1941.

Per-R United Nations Documents Index 1950+

Doc Dep. Monthly catalog of U.S. government publications.
Index by subject, agency, committee or author to all material published at the government printing office. Annual cumulations.

For JOURNALS in the field, see listing in the various indexes or Journals held in political science at Fogler Library which is available at the Periodicals Desk.

Some of the more important Periodicals are:

Academy of Political Science. Proceedings v.1, 1910+
American Political Science Review v.1, 1906+
Canadian Journal of Political Science v.1, 1968+
Comparative Politics v.1, 1968+
International Affairs v.21, 1945+
Journal of Politics v.1, 1939+
Political Science Quarterly v.1, 1886+
Political Quarterly v.20, 1949+
Politics and Society v.1, 1970+
Polity v.1, 1968+
Public Administration Review v.1, 1940+
Review of Politics v.1, 1939+
Western Political Quarterly v.1, 1948+

STATISTICS

Ref
JK
524
G6

Scammon, Richard M., ed. and comp. America at the polls; a handbook of American presidential election statistics, 1920-1964. Univ. of Pitt. Pr., 1965.
Detailed county-by-county data for twelve 20th century elections.

Ref
JK
1967
A8

America votes: a handbook of contemporary American election statistics, 1956-1970. Cong. Quarterly.
Presidential summaries, state-by-state date, maps, district note tabulations, and notes. Very useful. Biennial.

Ref
HA
202
A3
1973
Desk

Statistical abstract of the United States. Govt. Printing Office.
Summary tables covering numerous fields, public and private. Includes references to other sources. Indexed.

Ref
Desk

Historical statistics of U.S., Colonial times to 1970. Govt. Printing Office, 1975.

Ref
HA
12.5
U63

United Nations statistical yearbook. UN, annual.
Summaries of international statistics. References.

Ref
HA
1135
M5

Mitchell, B.R. Abstract of British historical statistics. Cambridge, 1962.

Ref
HA
746
U7

Historical statistics of Canada. Macmillan, 1965.
Covers the period 1867-1960.

STATISTICS (Cont'd.)

Ref
HA
1107
M5
1975

European historical statistics, 1750-1970. Columbia Univ. Pr., 1975.

Ref
HA
755
S8

Statistical abstract of Latin America. Univ. of Calif. Pr., 1972.

Ref
Me.St.
Doc.
E17.27:
latest
Desk

Maine economic data book. Maine State Dept. of Commerce and Industry.

YEARBOOKS

Ref
JK
1
C66

Congressional quarterly almanac. Cong. Quarterly, 1945+
Digest of yearly facts, figures, and unbiased commentary on all aspects of congressional activity.

Ref
JA
51
57
Desk

Statesman's yearbook. Macmillan, annual.
Much compact data for all countries and international organizations. Especially strong in agricultural and commercial statistics, govt. org., diplomacy.

Ref
D
2
E8

Europa year book. Annual
Vol. I - International org's. Europe.
Vol.II - Asia, the Americas, Africa, Australia - somewhat more depth in facts and statistics.

YEARBOOKS (Cont'd.)

Ref
JA
51
I57
1974

International yearbook and statesmen's who's who. Mercury House.
Contains brief factual data on countries, short biographies of world leaders - arranged alphabetically.

Ref
JF
37
P6
1969-
'70
+ 3
supp.

Political handbook of the world. McGraw-Hill, annual.
Government source for quick reference on the current political status of nations.

Ref
JX
21
Y4

The yearbook of world affairs. Praeger
Current articles and a useful section of bibliographic essays.

Ref
JX
1977
A37Y4

United Nations yearbook. 1946
Summary of year's activities. General information, lists of data, and subject and name indexes.

Ref
Doc
G54.
109:
Desk

U.S. government organization manual.
Govt. Printing Office.
Up-to-date annual book giving organization, functions, and major personnel of most agencies in all three branches, plus some other related bodies. Indexed. A handy ready reference tool.

Ref
JK
2403
B62

The book of the states... annual.
Council of state govts.
Each state govt. examined statistically, with basic facts and with articles.

YEARBOOKS (Cont'd.)

Ref
JS
342
A2I52

Municipal yearbook. Int. City Mgt. Assn.
Statistical information for most cities over 10,000 pop., some tabulations for those of 5-10,000. Also has some topical articles, subject lists of information sources, directory of city officials.

Ref
Desk

Maine register. (annual)
Contains information about state and local governments; business directory.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Ref
Z
7161
A1
H35

Harmon, Robert B. Political science bibliographies. Scarecrow, 1973.
A subject listing, with author and title indexes; very few annotations.

Ref
Z
7161
M36

Mason, John Brown. Research resources; annotated guide to the social sciences. ABC-Clio.
v.1, 1968 - International relations and recent history: indexes, abstracts and periodicals (also includes ref. books, biblios., and U.S. govt. publ.) Name and title indexes.
v.2, 1971 - Official publications: U.S. govt., U.N. international org., and statistical sources. Subject index. Annotated - easy to use.

Ref
Z
7161
W9

Wyman, Lubomyr Roman. Guide to reference materials in political science; a selective bibliography. 2v., Libs. Unlim., 1966-68.
General and subject chapters, analysis on reference works and biblios. Two volumes - easy to use together. Subject index weak.

Ref
Z
7161
L84

London bibliography of the social sciences. Mansell, 1931+

Comprehensive; books, pamphlets, documents, in several languages. Many cross references - worldwide scope.